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SUBJECT: VUNC RADIO TRANSMITTER

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1. IN RESPONSE PARA 2 REFTTEL, US MILITARY IS PROCEEDING WITH TURNOVER OF KANGWHA SIT, INCLUDING ANTENNA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL ROUTING PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY FACILITIES AND AREAS SUBCOMMITTEE OF SOFA. SPECIFICALLY, COMMAND ENGINEER OF USFK, WHO IS ALSO U.S. CHAIRMAN OF FACILITIES AND AREAS SUBCOMMITTEE OF SOFA JOINT COMMITTEE, IS INFORMING HIS KOREAN COUNTERPART BY LETTER THAT KANGWHA SITE HAS BECOME EXCESS TO USFK REQUIREMENTS. LETTER STATES THAT COMMAND ENGINEER HAS, THEREFORE, INITIATED A RELEASE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE ESTABLISHED SOFA REAL ESTATE PROCEDURES. LETTER DESCRIBES SITE IN DETAIL AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY MAP CLEARLY DEMARCATING AREA INVOLVED. LETTER ALSO STATES THAT USFK-CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ANTENNA TOWER AND SOME BUILDINGS, WILL ALSO BE RELEASED BY ABANDONMENT-IN-PLACE UPON THE RELEASE OF THE LAND. LETTER CLOSES WITH NOTIFICATION THAT THIS PROPOSED RELEASE ACTION WILL BE PLACED ON AGENDA OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, SOFA, FOR CONTINUANCE OF
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ACTION. LETTER ALSO INCLUDES FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL

CLAUSE: "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS RELEASE ACTION BY USFK IS CONTINGENT UPON AGREEMENT BY ROKG SIDE THAT THE ANTENNA AND TOWER LOCATED ON PRESENT KANGWHA SIT, IF LATER UTILIZED BY ROKG, WILL BE EMPLOYED ONLY IN THE BROADCAST OF PURE RADIO PROGRAM MATERIAL AND THAT, IN ANY SUCH BROADCASTING, THE ROK SIDE WILL NOT IDENTIFY THESE BROADCASTS AS EMANATING FROM THE VOICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND WILL NOT EMPLOY THE VOICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AT ANY TIME IN STATION IDENTIFICATION."

2. FYI ABOVE IS IDENTICAL TO METHOD FOLLOWED FOR RELEASE OF CHORWON SITE AND HAS DISTINCT ADVANTAGE OF BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND OF A ROUTINE NATURE, THUS AVOIDING ANY UNDUE ATTENTION BEING CALLED TO THIS TRANSFER OF PROPERTY. END FYI.

3. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, VUNC FREQUENCIES WERE ASSIGNED BY ROKG. FREQUENCIES WERE RETURNED TO ROKG BY USFK WHEN CHORWON AND KANGWHA SITES CEASED TRANSMITTING. THEREFORE, VUNC FREQUENCIES ARE LITERALLY PROPERTY OF ROKG AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN APPROPRIATELY OR LEGALLY INSIST THAT ROKG DESIST FROM BROADCASTING ON THEM AS A CONDITION OF RELEASE OF SITE AND ANTENNA.

4. WITH REGARD TO KANGWHA TRANSMITTER EQUIPMENT ITSELF, MILITARY IS PROCEEDING WITH SAME ESTABLISHED AND ROUTING PROCEDURES AS USED FOR CHORWON TRANSMITTER, NAMELY, THAT TRANSMITTER IS BEING DISMANTLED AND TURNED IN THROUGH SIGNAL SUPPLY CHANNELS. ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES WILL BE EMPLOYED TO DETERMINE NEED FOR EQUIPMENT BY U.S. MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. IF NO U.S. REQUIREMENT EXISTS, EQUIPMENT WILL BE TURNED OVER TO DEFENSE PROPERTY DISPOSAL FOR APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION. IN SUCH EVENT, ROKG WOULD HAVE FIRST RIGHTS FOR ACQUISITION OF TRANSMITTER. BECAUSE THIS METHOD OF TRANSFER IS ESTABLISHED AND ROUTING, WE CONSIDER IT MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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DESIRABLE PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW. IT IS, HOWEVER, IMPOSSIBLE TO CONDITION SALE OF SUCH PROPERTY AS WE PROPOSE TO LIMIT RELEASE OF SITE AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. DISMANTLING AND TURN-IN OF KANGWHA TRANSMITTER EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 30. PLAN TO FOLLOW WITH TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE AND CLOSE-OUT OF ALL TRANSACTIONS NLT MAY 15. SNEIDER

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